



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Reading:

"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, He received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father." (Acts 2:32-33a)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" (Lk 24:34)

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Observances for the week of April 26

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker

Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

VANISHED

With that their eyes
were opened and they
recognized him, but he
vanished from their
sight. —Lk 24:31

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APRIL 26, 2020

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

A Prayer in response to the coronavirus outbreak and all illnesses

Lord Jesus, in our time of need, we bring our fears and concerns to you in faith. We are grateful for your closeness to us as we confront the adversity of the coronavirus and all illnesses as they affect those we love and countless others.

Jesus, tend to those who are suffering at this time, especially the elderly and the weak. Provide every necessary strength to our doctors, nurses, health care assistants and all those who are working to respond to this crisis.

Jesus, give us the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to face this challenge. Inspire each of us to do whatever is necessary to confront the spread of this disease. Help us to carry this cross with courage and to walk with the sick with compassion.

Give knowledge to our scientists. Keep our families in your care. Heal the sick. Protect the healthy. Console the fearful. Comfort those who are isolated. Give us hope. Give us life.

Jesus, the divine physician, we trust in you.

Mary, comfort of God's children, Pray for us.

St. Bernadine of Siena, patron of those with illnesses of the lung, Pray for us.

St. Albert the Great, patron of scientists, Pray for us.
We make our prayer to you this day, Lord Jesus Christ,
who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ Edward C. Maloni



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

Vigil—3rd Sunday of Easter

Michaelene Nohavicka

1st Anniv of Death

by Family

Sunday, April 26

3rd Sunday of Easter

Dorothy Alford

by Family

Tuesday April 28

Weekday

John Hanick

by Karen Foster

Wednesday April 29

Weekday

Frank Greenwood

by Mary & Bill Ryckman

Saturday, May 2

Vigil—4th Sunday of Easter

Elizabeth Chopp

by Andy Chopp

Sunday, May 3

4th Sunday of Easter

Living and Deceased Members of CCM

by Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY

6:00 PM

SAT	4/25	Michaelene Nohavicka
SUN	4/26	Allena Scott Lash
MON	4/27	Louise Moran
TUES	4/28	Susan & Jeff Schwerha
WED	4/29	Francis Cavanaugh
THURS	4/30	Catherine Kingston
FRI	5/1	Margaret & John Gabonay
SAT	5/2	Paul Trasky
SUN	5/3	Paulette & Gary Klun

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celebratory/memorial/honorary Bell Chimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

To give online: <https://osvhub.com/holyfamilywestnewton/funds>

3rd Sunday of Easter – Every now and then when having dinner with friends, we get onto the subject of Religion and THE LAST DAY – the Day of Resurrection.

"The Lady of the House" will sometimes comment – when I get that new body on the last day, I hope that it's free of all these aches & pains that come with age and arthritis.

What we are hearing in the Gospel account this week is how the disciples met the Risen Lord along the Road to Emmaus. Having participated in the Passover Feast earlier in the week, they are now returning home – travelling roughly 7 miles south & west to Emmaus. During that previous week, they witnessed the events of that fateful Friday, they heard of the events of that 1st Easter morn from the women, and now – while travelling home, this other traveler joins up with them and joins in the conversation. But they don't recognize Him.

When we 1st meet these travelers in today's Gospel selection, they could not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. And what made it worse, they had been His followers & heard Him talk thru the years of His impending Passion, Death and Resurrection. Jesus had to spend a good chunk of that day as they walked to Emmaus – explaining the psalms and the prophecies of the O.T. so as to prepare them for the surprise they would soon witness at the Breaking of the Bread. – BY THE WAY – this term, "Breaking of Bread" was the term used by the early Church to describe their weekly gathering, "their celebration of the Mass." Later in our Eucharistic Prayer we will hear those same words.

As Jesus shares with them the Scripture and explains it to them, isn't this what we do every-time we gather for the celebration of Mass? We nourish ourselves on the Scriptures, and then we enter into the great mystery and beauty of that Sacrament that feeds us with Jesus' Body and Blood. The Liturgy of the Word (1st part of Mass) and the Liturgy of Eucharist (2nd part of Mass) form a Unity – ONE SINGLE PRAYER, as it were. The scriptural word prepares our hearts to receive Christ – the Living WORD in the Eucharistic Meal, and our reception of the Living WORD in Communion opens our eyes to the meaning of the Scriptural word and its implications in our lives.

As soon as they recognize Jesus, they return to Jerusalem – another 7 miles. Their joy was so great that they couldn't wait until the morning. Their depression was now lifted – no longer looking downcast.

St Luke's readers likely had begun to despair of having any encounter with Christ. They believed in a rather quick Second Coming that had not happened. They were facing persecution, and because they were mostly Gentiles from many different cultures, they were having trouble building any sense of unity. Luke's account in today's Gospel was meant to help his community. And for what it's worth – your story and mine are not much different from theirs. We have expectations of encountering Christ but do not. Christianity and Catholicism in particular is under assault, and maintaining unity in our Church and even within our Parishes is difficult. And so – Luke's story can also help us.

This message that the disciples learned is a message of great hope. And not only for them, but for you and for me as well. Because just as Jesus travelled with the disciples to Emmaus, He is always walking with us along life's journey. Even today – as so many people are battling the Covid 19 virus, those working with the patients, the researchers, and so many others including those volunteering and donating.

We, too – like those disciples – have hopes and dreams – be it about better health, healing, financial security and family relationships. These dreams often get shattered. Today's story promises us that the Risen Lord will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect Him.

This is the 5th Sunday since we've been unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist. Speaking with parishioners, one of the things they all say is: How much they miss attending and receiving the Eucharist.

May this time of separation from receiving the Eucharist increase our love of the sacrament and the communities in which we receive the Sacrament of His Love. May we remember that this Body knows no borders and that at the end of every Eucharistic celebration we are admonished to "go forth to love and serve the world and one another."

Since Masses are cancelled, while a small thing in the grand scheme right now, some people have asked about their weekly offering. As long as you are fiscally able to give, we appreciate your continued support of the parish. Your contributions assist us in paying the utility bills and other financial obligations. Most importantly, you are helping our Parish maintain mission commitments to the community in a time when that commitment is more important than ever. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to sign-up for online giving. Visit our parish website at www.holyfamilywestnewton.org. On the homepage you will see a box that says, "Donate." *You can click the DONATE tab, select the URL, choose either Offertory or Monthly and click Give Now. There you will be redirected to the Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving site to set up your online giving account. If you can't give online, you may mail in or drop off your envelope at the parish office.**

My prayers are with you always! God Bless, Fr Dave

The "Lighter Side"

On The Lighter Side - A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their neighborhood, their sons were probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a priest in the downtown parish had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The pastor agreed but asked to see them individually. So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, and fixed the appointment of the older boy with the priest in the afternoon. The priest, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?" The boy's mouth dropped open and he made no response. So, the priest repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!!?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. So, the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?" The boy screamed and ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing - and they think WE did it!"

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.